Crimes against Dalits

2814. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in every two days murders and arson on the dalit community occur almost throughout the country; and

(b) the role played by police to check such crimes and violence against the weaker sections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) As reported by the National Crime Records Bureau, an average of 1.5 cases of murder and 1 case of arson per day were committed against dalits in 2001.

(b) "Police and Law and Order" are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. However, the Ministry of Home Affairs have issued guidelines to the State Governments from time to time to give more focused attention to improving the administration of the criminal justice system, more particularly to ensure prevention of crime against SCs, STs, women and other vulnerable sections of society.

Illegal guest houses in Delhi posing security threat

2815. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that illegal guest houses in the capital are posing security risk;

(b) if so, whether militants and criminals are hiding in such illegal guest houses; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to check such illegal guest houses and to nab militants and criminals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) to (c) There have been cases in which the criminals were found to have stayed in guest houses. The steps taken by Delhi Police to ensure that the guest houses are not used for criminals/terrorists activities include regular challaning of guest houses